

College Financial Aid Workshop Guide for Parents and Students

Workshop Goal: The workshop and guide are designed to help parents and students understand the current college financial aid process, and to develop successful planning and coping strategies.

Main Workshop and Guide Topics:

- Reviewing the Six Steps of College Planning and Sample Internet Links.....
- GPA and ACT Guidelines for College Admission and Merit Scholarships
- “Leverage” – How to recognize and use it effectively. Cautionary notes.
- Scholarships – Types and search strategies.
- Top Financial Aid and Scholarship Helplines, Websites and Resources.
- Additional Scholarship and Financial Aid Resources.
- Financial Aid Summary – The formula, types of financial aid, the 8-step process, timetable and deadlines.
- Top 15 Pre-Application Planning Strategies.
- Understanding the FAFSA Worksheet and CSS Profile.
- How to Submit “Special Circumstances” and “Appeal” Letters.
- Common Errors Made on the FAFSA Application.
- College Costs, Student Indebtedness and Awards
- Comparing Colleges’ First Year Financial Aid Awards.
- Questions and Answers. Completing Workshop Evaluation Form.

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